



# AT A GLANCE BULLETIN



**Army Community Service**  
61 Quebec Street, BLD 683  
Fort Devens, MA 01434-4479

Serving the Military in New England

**August 2013**



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**Fort Devens Welcome Center**

61 Quebec Street, Building 683

**ACS NEW Hours of Operation**

0730-1600 Tuesday -Friday

<https://www.devens.army.mil>

**ACS TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

978-796-3023/ 3119 DSN 256-3023/ 3119

**MILITARY ONE SOURCE**

1-800-342-9647

[www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com)

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



**Imelda Fisher**

ID Card Center will be **closed** on Friday the 2nd, 16th, and 30th during the month of August.

ACS is **closed** every Monday due to Government Furlough

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **Things to Do Now to Free Up More Cash for Retirement**

The military is known for offering some of the best pension benefits in the country. Serving 20 years and being guaranteed half of your military income (along with other benefits) throughout your sunset years is great, but you'd be misguided in thinking that you can live off that income alone. By starting to save for your retirement now, you can help secure your financial future and bolster those benefits Uncle Sam has guaranteed you.

**1. Pay Off Credit Card Debt:** [Paying down your credit card balances](#) should always be a priority, but so should resolving to put this unnecessary form of debt behind you forever. Create a personal budget, reduce your spending so that it's less than your income, and send your monthly surplus in to your creditors until all your balances are gone for good. Once you're done, you may be shocked how much more money you have left at the end of each month to boost your retirement savings.

**2. Reconsider Excessive Personal Purchases:** Just because a new iPhone or a 70-inch flat screen TV hits the market doesn't mean you should run out and get it. This applies to any other extravagant personal purchases as well – vacations, expensive dinners, high-priced theater or sports tickets, and so on. If you exercise a little restraint throughout your working years, you can enjoy a stress-free retirement in which worrying about bills is a thing of the past.

**3. Get an Emergency Fund in Place:** If you should incur a major auto expense, medical bill, or other unforeseen costly event, an emergency fund can help prevent you from making that go-to move for your credit card. The interest you'd pay on that debt could inhibit your ability to save for retirement. Get to work now on building an emergency fund and work toward a goal of six to nine months' worth of living expenses. This strategy is going to free up cash down the road that can be put toward retirement.

**4. Slice Your Food Bill:** Most people view that weekly trip to the grocery store as a necessary nuisance and not much more. Instead, turn it into a challenge. Pick up a Sunday newspaper and get out those scissors. If you see coupons for foods you buy frequently, get an extra copy or two. Purchase your veggies from a local farmers market if there's one in your area, and consider buying generic products instead of brand names. There are endless ways to save on groceries, you just have to get a little creative to take advantage of them.

## SOLDIER & FAMILY



### **Operation Homefront Back-to-School Brigade™**

Operation Homefront New England is honored to be able to provide backpacks and school supplies to our military families. This program is open to all branches. Active Duty E-6 and below, Guard and Reservists, and Wounded Warriors. Grades K-12 will receive backpacks and school supplies. Supplies are limited and are on a first come, first serve registration basis.

This is our way of thanking our military families for their service.  
To register go to  
[OperationHomefront.Net/newengland](http://OperationHomefront.Net/newengland)

Operation Homefront (OH) provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and Wounded Warriors. The target population is American military personnel and/or their families who have un-met needs due to financial hardship, death, injury, or physical or mental detriment as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan. We're proud to earn the highest rating – four stars – for five straight years from Charity Navigator, the nation's top independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations. Nationally, 94 percent of all contributions to Operation Homefront goes directly to support military family programs.

**Thanks the Yanks Military Appreciation Dinner:** WED 11 SEP from 6—8 p.m.

@ Medway VFW You are cordially invited to a special tribute dinner in honor of our military families, including Blue Star & Gold Star, veterans and to pay tribute to the heroes and vic-tims of 9/11/01. This is completely a non-political event. It is merely a way of saying **THANK YOU** for your service and sacrifices. The dinner is our free gift to you, families are welcome, free child care will be provided. RSVP by September 9, 2013, by visiting [www.thankstoyanks.org](http://www.thankstoyanks.org) or contact Michael Shain 508—330—8487 or [info@thankstoyanks.org](mailto:info@thankstoyanks.org).



**3rd Annual SGT Mark Vecchione Fishing Trip (FREE):** SAT 24 AUG from Rock Harbor, Orleans Hosted by Cape Cod Cares for Our Troops, this The trip is a four hour deep sea fishing trip, followed by a BBQ Dinner. This trip is open to all Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans and one guest.

There is no cost involved as this is our way to give back to our veterans. If you would like to attend send an email to [capecod4thetroops@comcast.net](mailto:capecod4thetroops@comcast.net) with the following information:

Your name & rank, dates deployed, unit, contact phone number and email to send a confirmation. If you are bringing a guest I will need their name (and age if under 16).

Families are also welcome to join in at the BBQ following the trip, just let CCC4OT know how many family members will be attending. Lots of fun for the kids with games, crafts, etc and Horseshoes Tournament for the adults! Space is limited so please reserve quickly. If you have any questions please call Michelle at 774-216-9052.

**FREE Pheasant Hunt:**

## The Pine Grove Program

Free outdoor events for Armed Forces Service members, veterans and other American Heroes



### Attention service members and veterans!

### FREE PHEASANT HUNT: A Tribute to Your Service

We are proud to offer no cost pheasant hunting day trips in collaboration with your host Master Maine Guide Al Estes, Three Rivers Wing Shooting in Milo, Maine, to give tribute to military service. Walk acres of groomed trails with skilled upland game dogs and their handlers, provided by the Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club, hunting ring-necked pheasants. A special thank you to the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine (SAM) for their support coordinating sponsors for this event. To sign up or request more details contact Andrea Howe at [info@pinegroveprogram.com](mailto:info@pinegroveprogram.com) or phone 207 672-4011.

**August 12, 13, 19,  
20, 26, 27**

Three Rivers Wingshooting  
373 River Road, Milo, Maine, 04463  
Phone: (207) 943-7943  
[www.threeriverswingshooting.com](http://www.threeriverswingshooting.com)

**Free!**

All Armed Forces members  
(including Reserve and National Guard) and Veterans  
eligible.



- Lunch provided!
- No hunting license required!
- World class pheasant hunting!

Pine Grove Program  
823 Ridge Road  
Pleasant Ridge Plt, ME 04920

207-672-4011  
[info@pinegroveprogram.com](mailto:info@pinegroveprogram.com)  
[www.pinegroveprogram.com](http://www.pinegroveprogram.com)



<http://mainespaniel.webs.com> [sportsmansallianceofmaine.org](http://sportsmansallianceofmaine.org)

**Women Veterans Get Own VA Hotline:** The Department of Veterans Affairs announced a new hotline targeted at women veterans. Callers to the hotline, 1-855-VA-WOMEN, can get answers to questions about VA services and resources available to women vets, VA said. The service began accepting calls March 27. Call-center employees can provide information about health care services for women, as well as information about claims, health care appointments, and other benefits. Staff members also can field urgent calls and provide referrals to mental health and homeless services. According to the department, women currently make up almost 15 percent of active duty military forces, and 18 percent of National Guard and Reserve forces. The number of women using VA health care continues to rise, VA said, reaching 354,000 in 2012, more than double the number in 2000.

**Veterans' Expo:** 21 September 2013

A poster for the VA Boston Veterans' Expo 2013. The top section has a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The main title 'VETERANS' EXPO 2013' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'Benefits and Job Fair' is in white, and 'Welcome Vets of all eras, friends, and family!' is in yellow. The date and time 'Saturday, September 21st 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.' are in white. The location 'VABHS Brockton Campus 940 Belmont Street, Brockton' is in white. To the right, a list of activities in yellow includes 'Free, family-friendly cookout', 'Live music', and 'Activities for kids (weather permitting)'. The bottom section has a light yellow background with three bullet points, each starting with a red star. The first bullet point says 'VA Benefits—You earned them, use them! Get answers about healthcare, education, housing, financial planning and more.' The second bullet point says 'Find a job, or find a better job! Network with dozens of Vet-friendly employers. Remember to bring your DD214!' The third bullet point says 'Connect with your fellow Vets. Get to know local Veteran Service organizations.' At the bottom, there is a silhouette of several soldiers in a line against a sunset background. Above the silhouettes, the text 'More information: www.boston.va.gov or email David.Hencke@va.gov' is written in small black letters.

**Career Fair** for New England Area Veterans and their Spouses is being held on Thursday 05 September 2013.

Below are the event details:

What: Recruit Military Veterans Career Fair

Where: Gillette Stadium, 1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035

When: Thursday 05 September 2013 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Pre-register for FREE here: <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/boston-veteran-job-fair-september-5-2013> POC is Steve Balczó | Director, Military Outreach, Office: 513-677-7040 |  
Email: [sbalczo@recruitmilitary.com](mailto:sbalczo@recruitmilitary.com)

**Devens Maloney Center Hiring Our Heroes:** 22 August 2013



**VETERAN STRONG – First Responders & Critical  
Infrastructure Recruitment and Hiring Event**  
**HARRY MALONY RESERVE CENTER**  
**11 SARATOGA ROAD**  
**DEVENS, MA 01434**  
**August 22, 2013**

**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 9:00 A.M.**

Recognizing the experiences, hard-won qualifications, and spirit of selfless service that make veterans and service members uniquely qualified (and highly desired) members of civil service organizations, Hiring Our Heroes presents a FREE hiring fair focused on placing veterans, transitioning service members, active duty military, members of the National Guard and reserve components, and military spouses in emergency response and critical infrastructure protection.

This hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation in conjunction with the 804<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade and the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Fort Devens, MA; local chambers of commerce; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment & Training Service (DOL VETS); Massachusetts Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; The American Legion; NBC News; and other local partners.

**EMPLOYERS**

Must register for FREE at [HOH.Greatjob.net](http://HOH.Greatjob.net)

**JOB SEEKERS**

Register for FREE at [HOH.Greatjob.net](http://HOH.Greatjob.net)

Walk-ins always welcome

A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 9:00 a.m. To register for the Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop, visit [hohworks.eventbrite.com/](http://hohworks.eventbrite.com/)

For registration questions, please contact [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com) or call 202-463-5807.



**[HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG](http://HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG)**



Is the official online partner for Hiring Our Heroes | Find Hiring Our Heroes online:



**Our Military Kids** ([www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org)) wants to help your family through this deployment. If you have a child ages 3 to 18 whose parent is currently deployed overseas with the National Guard or Reserves, your child is eligible for a grant. The grants, which can be up to \$500, will pay for up to six months of an extracurricular activity of your choice. The process is simple. Visit our website and select the appropriate one-page application.



**Military Housing Assistance Fund:** (MHAF) helps military families to become homeowners. We are here to help with our closing cost grants for military members and veterans. MHAF assists military families by providing them with grants to assist them with purchasing a home. 69% of all Americans own their own home. Unfortunately, our men and women in uniform are being left behind. In a Rand Corporation study, it was found that only 27.3% of military families own their own home. In this same study, when asked why, nearly half said that it was because they could not afford to do so.  
<http://usmhaf.org/>

**Project New Hope:** <http://www.projectnewhopema.org/sign-up/> Project New Hope Retreats are for Single and Married Veterans and their Families to include Retreats for Gold Star Families and Survivors from all eras. Project New Hope Inc. spends about 75% of its time helping singles and couples with their communication skills. When Veterans come back from overseas, they don't always have the communication tools to talk to their spouses about their pain, their frustration, their grief. In both males and females...many want to seclude themselves, may not want to be around crowds, go on family vacations or outings. At the beginning of the retreats, many couples won't hold hands, won't touch each other, or put their arms around each other. By the end of the retreats, they're holding hands, hugging, laughing and they have Hope! Project New Hope Inc does not provide any travel expenses to or from retreats. Priority is given to "veterans & their families" who have not attended a retreat before. Exeter, RI - Couple's, Griswold, CT - Male Veterans, Grotonwood, Groton, MA – Family, **September (13th - 15th)** - Oceanwood Camp, Ocean Park, ME – Family, **October (4th - 6th)** - Barton Center N. Oxford, MA - Women Vet's

**Hanscom Air Force Base:** New programs, events & offers posted are posted frequently for happenings on Hanscom AFB. Visit Hanscom Services daily so you don't miss a thing! Go to: <http://www.HanscomServices.com> to sign up for notices and ticket information follow the "Subscribe" link on the Services Home Page. The Minuteman Commons has launched a NEW Room Reservation app to make it easier to book a room any time of the day. Now you can make your room reservation for a squadron commander's call, holiday party, birthday party, luncheon, bridal/baby shower, wedding and more. The new app also has simplified fees and made it easier to reserve rooms. Here's the link: [www.HanscomServices.com/MinutemanCommons](http://www.HanscomServices.com/MinutemanCommons)

**The Vets4Warriors:** Vets4Warriors Website: [www.vets4warriors.com](http://www.vets4warriors.com) Peer support line, 1-855-838-8255 (1-855-VET-TALK), provides easy access to supportive, non-attributional conversations with trained veteran peers representing all branches of the military. This team of veteran peers has immediate access to behavioral health clinicians to respond to potentially emergent issues and can offer referrals to local community services, military veteran centers, and military healthcare providers based upon the needs of the Service Member. A variety of services will be provided to include non-clinical (legal, financial) and referrals for clinical services (substance abuse, behavioral health).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS**

**TICKETS AND TOURS, (781) 225-6505/6498** Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg  
<http://www.hanscomservices.com/> PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

**Take a trip with us!** – Registration deadline for all trips is 30 days prior to departure or space available.



**Nantucket Spectacular**  
one of the premier vacation spots

**Saturday  
Aug. 10**

**NEW! Saturday, August 10:** Depart from Hanscom AFB Tickets & Tours parking lot at 6 a.m. (bldg 1530), on a luxury Silver Fox CD/DVD/WiFi Motor Coach and join us for a tranquil voyage and a refreshing day on beautiful Nantucket Island. Nantucket has emerged as one of the premier vacation and fun spots in North America as you'll discover. Your luxury Silver Fox Coach will transport you to the Nantucket Ferry dock in Hyannis where you'll set sail at 9:20 a.m. in Hyline's First Class Cabin, where you'll enjoy a complimentary danish and coffee on a private sundeck as you cruise towards Nantucket. Once on Nantucket Island, you will get a chance to visit the different shops and restaurants, as well as The Old Historic Town, whaling museums and much more. You'll sail back at 4 p.m. and enjoy a complimentary beverage, crackers and cheese. You will be arriving back to Hanscom around 7:30 p.m. **Cost: \$69 per person** Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505

**Old Town Trolley Tour** - Available are Old Town Trolley Tour tickets at \$32 each and AMC Cinema tickets at \$6.75 each.

## **HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER**

**August 2013**

***Please Call 781-225-2765 to Register***

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

**MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs)** - MFLC provides free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 879-7654 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

**PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE** - Sessions are held by appointment only. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience – a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume

66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil. You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. Prior attendance at an A&FRC resume writing class is recommended.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW** – Will be held by appointment only. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. Call the AMVETS Service Representative at (617) 303-5698 for an appointment.

**FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only)** - Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to 66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil. You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. Prior completion of the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS Class is strongly recommended.



**PRESEPARATION COUNSELING** – Will be held on Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July from 9 - 11 a.m. Critical information about benefits, resources and services available as you transition from military to civilian life and information on the completion of the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling. By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation or retirement. Service members must complete the counseling prior to attending the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment Workshop.

**PRESEPARATION COUNSELING** – Will be held on Wednesday, 31 July, 7, 14, 21, 28 August, from 9 - 11 a.m. Critical information about benefits, resources and services available as you transition from military to civilian life and information on the completion of the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling. By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation or retirement. Service members must complete the counseling prior to attending the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment Workshop. **\*MATRI-MONEY** – Will be held on Thursday, 1 August, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Put a damper on the emotionally charged discussions of money matters in your marriage by learning how to develop realistic financial goals and communicate them effectively to your partner. Presented by Hanscom's Military & Family Life Consultant.

**\*TWELVE-MONTH PLAN** – Will be held on Thursday, 1 August from 1 - 3 p.m. Workshop highlights monthly job search strategies and activities in preparation for re-entering the workforce after a brief educational sabbatical.

**\*SOCIAL MEDIA IN JOB SEARCHES** – Will be held on Monday, 5 August, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join the revolution! Learn personal & company tactics, how to write Social Media Profiles, do company research & avoid potentially damaging mistakes using LinkedIn, Twitter, & Facebook.

**\*PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Will be held on Monday, 5 August, from 2 – 2:45 p.m. Starting middle school is a big step and can sometimes leave children feeling uneasy or afraid. Learn how to help ease your child's transition to middle school and get off to a good start.

**\*HEART LINK NEW SPOUSE ORIENTATION** – Will be held on Tuesday, 6 August, from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Welcome to the military family! Heart Link is an orientation workshop for any spouse married to a service member for 5 years or less from any branch of the armed services who wants to learn more about military life.

**\*PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: REUNION BRIEFING FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN** – Will be held on Wednesday, 7 August, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (simultaneous sessions for spouses and children ages 6 and older.) If you are anticipating a reunion with your service member within the next two months, please join us for two special briefings that will help you and your children prepare for the big event. In these interactive workshops, you'll receive practical suggestions for coping with reunion and reintegration, and the children's session will feature fun reunion activities and a personalized gift for the returning parent.

**\*RESUME WRITING FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR** – Will be held on Thursday, 8 August, from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. This basic resume writing course discusses how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Taught by a former private sector HR staffing specialist and member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches and the Career Planning and Adult Development Network.

**\*TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP** – Will be held on Monday - Friday, 12 – 16 August, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. All military attendees must have completed DD Form 2648 (Preseparation Counseling) prior to the workshop. Mandatory for all service members. Spouses welcome. Assists voluntarily & involuntarily separating & retiring service members with career & life

transition. This 5-day program consists of a DOL Employment Workshop, a VA benefits briefing, application for VA Benefits, modules on financial planning, Military Occupational Code (MOC) Crosswalk & preparation and review of Individual Transition Plans (ITP). All military attendees must be enrolled in [eBenefits.va.gov](http://eBenefits.va.gov) prior to the workshop. Please bring your own laptop /device, copies of medical records, LES, credit report; ITP, VMET, OPRs / EPRs (or equivalent) and transcripts (CCAF), and complete the Pre-TAP Assessment for Service Members and Spouses:

<http://icesvys.disa.mil/go.cfm?PreTapAssessment>. Pre-Registration is required.

**\*INSTALLATION COMMANDER'S WELCOME** – Will be held on Monday, 12 August, from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at the Hanscom Conference Center, Building 1106. Your official introduction to Hanscom AFB features essential base and local community information for new arrivals. Spouses & other service personnel at HAFB encouraged to attend! Medical Squadron Welcome for Clinic beneficiaries follows at 11:45 a.m

**\*FAMILY WELCOME** — Bring the children! – Will be held on Tuesday, 13 August, from 9:30 - 11 a.m., at the A&FRC Loan Locker, Bldg 1216. Receive money saving tips and shopping information while learning about schools, recreation, local attractions, safety, security, education, employment and more in an informal setting.

**\*E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR** – Will be held on Wednesday, 14 August, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn how to navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Informational handouts will be provided. Bring your “smart” device and follow along with us on our WIFI. Bring your lunch. Spouses Welcome!

**\*MOVING WITH CHILDREN** – Will be held on Wednesday, 14 August, from 12:15 - 1 p.m. Parents! Please join us for this special presentation immediately following the E-Smooth Move Seminar. We'll discuss tips and techniques to help make moving and adjustment to a new school easier for your children whether it's their first move or their 15th.

**\*“T” PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & CITY ORIENTATION** - Will be held on Wednesday, 21 August, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. How to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the “T.” All you need is \$5 for subway fares (Children 11 & under free with paying adult.). Bring your lunch or purchase downtown. Part of official newcomer orientation; military service members do not have to take leave to attend.

**\*ADVANCED INVESTING; FIGHT THE FEAR**—'Lunch and Learn' Will be held on Wednesday, 21 August, from 12:00 -12:45 p.m. Learn what you can do to help you deal with: unease over market volatility and its impact on your investments and the very real fear of outliving your money. This program gives historical context to today's challenging environment and provides solid steps for achieving long-term goals.

**\*MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER WORKSHOP** - Will be held on Wednesday, 21 August, from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Covers the following military spouse benefits: \$ for education, job-find assistance, spouse preference, landing a federal job, and using the USAJOBS website.

**\*HEARTS APART**—Bowling ‘Bowl You Over’ - Will be held on Wednesday, 21 August, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members are invited to join us at the Base Bowling Center as we take over the lanes. Free bowling, soda, and pizza! Please RSVP as soon as possible to the Airman & Family Readiness Center at (781) 225-2765 or e-mail [66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil)

**\*TEACHING CAREERS:** Troops to Teachers & Jr. ROTC - Will be held on Thursday, 22 August from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn how to get into the teaching profession as representatives from the Troops to Teachers Program and Jr. ROTC explain the programs and answer questions. Bring your lunch. 11:00–Troops to Teachers, 12:00-JROTC

**\*PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN** - Will be held on Thursday, 22 August, from 2 - 2:45 p.m. Starting kindergarten is an important milestone for children. Learn what behavioral, academic, and social skills children should know prior to starting kindergarten and how to help your child prepare for their big day.

**\*MAKE YOUR MEETINGS MORE EFFECTIVE** - Will be held on Monday, 26 August, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Are your meetings frustrating and unproductive? Do you have so many that you don't have enough time to complete your real work? If meetings have you stressed, then attend this seminar and learn some great tips and techniques to create shorter, more effective meetings with active, involved participants. You'll leave feeling more confident that meetings can be worthwhile! Presented by Lorena Prime of Boston's Clearly Organized Business Solutions

**\*MAKING EFFECTIVE DECISIONS** - Will be held on Wednesday, 28 August, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The ability to make effective decisions reduces stress, increases effective communication and is a catalyst to success. This presentation defines problem solving and effective decision-making and guides participants through an eight-step decision making process.

**\*US ECONOMY- WHAT'S HOT / NOT** - Will be held on Thursday, 29 August, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn what direction the economy is moving in, regions/occupations improving vs. in decline, where to find what information, and much more from a Dept. of Labor specialist. ring your lunch.

## **Family Advocacy Outreach**

**CELL PHONE COLLECTION:** The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

**WIC**, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. **\* WIC is located in Bldg 1507 \*. WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday** of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

**First Connections-** Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website [www.firstconnections.org](http://www.firstconnections.org) or by calling 781-287-0221.

## **EMPLOYMENT READINESS**

### **Free Vocational Training for Veterans**

The Veterans Training School (VTS) is recruiting unemployed and under-employed Veterans for the following vocational free vocational programs: Apply today! Email Andrew Moyseowicz or call 617—371—1810. Find more online at [www.nechv.org](http://www.nechv.org)

### **Professional Protection Officer Course**

Next Start Date: July 8, 2013 Duration: 6 weeks, Monday—Friday 1:00—4:00 p.m. The Professional Protection Officers Course is certified by the International Foundation for Protection Services (IFPO).



Training modules focus on emergency situation training, crime scene procedures, communication standards and report writing protocols. Upon successful completion of the course and a 70% or higher score on the IFPO exam, candidates will receive a Certified Protection Officer (CPO) credentials resulting in readiness for entry-level employment with local and national security companies.

### **Commercial Drivers License (Class B) Course**

Next Start Date: August 5, 2013 Duration: 10 weeks, Monday—Wednesday 9:00—1:00 p.m.

The Commercial Drivers License Course is certified by the Commonwealth of MA. Training modules are divided into classroom (4 weeks) and road (6 weeks) component, focusing on permit test preparation, vehicle maneuvers, expressway and local driving, and Class B license test preparation.

Requirements: Copy of driving records, DOT physical, and additional qualifications. Fees for license and test, as well as RMV fees of up to \$300 are student's responsibility.

**Career Opportunities:** An update that we now have a "Career Opportunities" link on our website which will have all the information regarding our current job opening, description, and how to apply...

<http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>

**Labor Ready :** Provides temp jobs to those interested in gaining work experience, want some extra cash, or need immediate income when between jobs or need seasonal work. Flexible work hours; get paid the same day. Over 600 locations throughout the United States.

<http://www.laborready.com/Temporary-Employment>

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**Free Resume Help for Military Members :** The below website is where Service Members can get free resume writing help and the course schedule. <http://www.networkri.org/centers.htm>

**USA JOB:** JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to [www.USAJOBS.GOV](http://www.USAJOBS.GOV) and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site [www.USAJOBS.GOV](http://www.USAJOBS.GOV)  
This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

**Job Search:** Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. <https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm>

**Website: Career Resources for Veterans:** The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment.

Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at <http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html>

<http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order>

**Hanscom AFS: Resources** <http://www.hanscom.af.mil>

**Massachusetts Career Information System:** <http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp>

**Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117** [www.wmoore@detma.org](mailto:www.wmoore@detma.org)

**Orion International:** [info@orioninternational.com](mailto:info@orioninternational.com)

## **RELOCATION READINESS**

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets <https://www.devens.army.mil> or call 978-796-3023

**Moving and Relocation Information:** Terrific tips to make moving easier. <http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>

**TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:**

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

## **FORT DEVENS SERVICES:**

**Fort Devens Mail and Distribution:** Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours. 0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

**Education Office:** The 99<sup>th</sup> RSC Education Office is located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens, in Rooms 328, 326, and 324. POC is Lee Achenback at 978-796-2968. Services include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

**Police Services Division: Vehicle Registration and Fingerprinting**  
**0930-1030 / 1500-1600 or By Appointment.**

**Police: 978-796-3333**

**Physical Security: 978-796-2061**

**Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Veterans Travel: 800-945-0535 or 402-345-7596**

**Devens Legal: 978-796-2255**

**Education Office: 978-796-2868**

**AAFES / Clothing & Sales: 978-772-6838 / 2065**

**Photo Section DA Photo: 978-796-2559**

**Fort Devens ID Cards 978 - 796-2130, Building 683**

**Billeting: Bldg. 978-796-3201**

**Distance Learning Center: 978-796-3612 / 2605 / 2626**

**Transportation: Passenger 978-796-2141/ or 2393 Freight 978-796-2832/ or 2840**

**Vehicles: 978-796-2141**

**MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES:**

**USO New England:** <http://www.uso-newengland.org/index.htm>

Massachusetts Parks: [www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm)

Massachusetts Wildlife: [www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw](http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw)

State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder: [www.qualitychildcare.org](http://www.qualitychildcare.org)

**Massachusetts Getaway Guide:** <http://www.mass-vacation.com/>

**Massachusetts's area Guides net:** <http://massachusetts.ag.s.myareaguide.com/>

**Boston and Local Area Concerts:** <http://www.bostonconcerts.com/>